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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : Jack C. Wybenga, et al.  
Serial No. : 10/720,898  
Filed : November 21, 2003  
For : ROUTER USING SWITCHING-BEFORE-ROUTING PACKET PROCESSING AND METHOD OF OPERATION  
Group No. : 2616  
Examiner : Syed M. Bokhari

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This communication responds to a Final Office Action mailed May 28, 2008, which has a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on August 28, 2008. As this Reply is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, the Applicants request an Advisory Action.